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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PFOR, VS, CH

SUBJECT: PARACELS: PRESS RUMORS THAT US MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
DENIED GVN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BAC IS PLANNING PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 26 FOR  
PURPOSE OF PLACING ON THE PUBLIC RECORD GVN'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND CEASEFIRE DURING ITS  
FIRST YEAR. BAC EXPECTS THAT IN QUESTION PERIOD PARACELS CLASH  
WILL BE MAJOR TOPIC. HE HAS TOLD US THAT HE PLANS TO TAKE THIS  
OPPORTUNITY TO LAY TO REST RUMORS IN PRESS THAT GVN HAD ASKED  
FOR US MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN PARACELS AND BEEN DENIED.

2. BAC PROPOSES TO TAKE FOLLOWING LINE TO PRESS: GVN NEVER  
SOUGHT MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH THE CHINESE IN PARACELS;  
FIGHTING RESULTED FROM GVN'S NEED TO DEFEND ITS FORCES UNDER  
ATTACK; GVN IS SEEKING TO SOLVE DISPUTE ONLY BY PEACEFUL MEANS  
AND HAS NEVER SOUGHT US MILITARY INTERVENTION.

3. WE NOTE THAT WHAT BAC PROPOSES TO SAY IS FULLY IN ACCORD  
WITH RECENT STATEMENTS MADE BY BOTH DOD AND STATE SPOKESMEN  
AND TRUST THAT DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE THAT NOTHING IS SAID  
PUBLICLY ON SUBJECT WHICH CONTRADICTS BAC'S PROPOSED PUBLIC  
POSITION.

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